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January 19, 1984

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
230 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Attention: Mike O'Toole (5HR)

Re: 1855 Greenleaf Avenue  
Elk Grove Village, Illinois

Dear Mr. O'Toole:

To confirm our telephone conversation, our office represents J. Clarke Baker, who is the owner of the above-referenced premises. These premises were formerly leased by Film Recovery Services Corp., which vacated same on or about July 15, 1983. Upon vacating the premises, Film Recovery left behind approximately 50,000 gallons of cyanide-contaminated liquid waste, cyanide-contaminated barrels, drums, and rubbish, and 25,000 gallons of cyanide-contaminated wash-down water. Accordingly, in order for my client to re-let the premises, it is necessary for him to clean up the cyanide contamination.

We have obtained a proposal from American Fotokemi, Inc., in which this company will arrange for the decontamination and removal of the liquid waste, barrels, drums and rubbish and the decontamination of the building. We would appreciate if your office would review the proposal and advise us in writing whether the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approves American Fotokemi, Inc.'s decontamination methods and procedures.

We would appreciate this response within the next couple of weeks. Your cooperation is most appreciated. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

BERGER, NEWMARK & FENCHEL P.C.

By:

Eric S. Rein

ESR/mp

Enc.

cc: Mr. J. Clarke Baker

# Purchase Order

Chicago Title & Trust Co., Trustee  
c/o J. Clarke Baker & Co., Agents  
1150 Wilmette Avenue  
Wilmette, Illinois 60091

No. 869

Date 12/5/83

To American Fotokemi, Inc.  
2692 Coyle Avenue  
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

Ship to 1855 Greenleaf Ave.  
Elk Grove Village, IL

- . All solution in different tanks will be chemically neutralized to a level which is below the limits set by the EPA and MSD. The method will take care of both the free cyanide and cyanide complexes. Afterward, the solution can be either drained into the public sewage system or transported to a landfill, depending on whether the MSD will allow a drainage. The cost for a possible transportation to a landfill is not included in this proposal.
- . The remaining film chips in the tanks will be cleaned up and neutralized in the same way as the EPA has tested and approved at our facility, 2692 Coyle Ave., Elk Grove Village.
- . All sludge will be moved from the premises and sent to a refinery for a possible recovery of remaining silver. According to analysis, the silver content is very low. Our estimate is that the silver content will pay for the refining. The refining is done in an approved facility with no contamination of the air taking place.
- . All tanks, pipes, screens, etc. will be washed in a chemical solution. After they are clean, we will move them to our facility. As the tanks have a value for us, we include them as a part of our cost for the clean-up.

The chemistry used is well-known for neutralization of cyanide, and the whole clean-up operation will be within established limits set by the EPA and MSD.

Special equipment will be used throughout the clean-up to measure the cyanide level both in the air and in the solution.

NOTE: We will meet on the premises Thursday or Friday of this week to finalize details at which time we will give you a check for \$5,000 as a security deposit. In the meantime our attorney and this office are checking with Federal and State EPA for approval.

A revised proposal from American Fotokemi Inc. will be required, eliminating the removal of the vats from the premises and the cleaning of the floors and walls.

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BY: Jen